

TIMBERLANE REGIONAL BUDGET COMMITTEE
Atkinson, Danville, Plaistow, Sandown
New Hampshire

Regular Meeting
November 25, 2014
7:00 PM

SAU 55 Office
30 Greenough Road
Plaistow, NH

Call to Order (00:00:07)

Chairman Grosky called the meeting of the Timberlane Regional Budget Committee to order at 7:05 PM. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present (00:00:16)

Mr. Spero, Mrs. O'Neil, Mr. Grosky, Mr. Horns, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Geary, Mr. Cantone (7:07 PM) , Mr. Green and Mr. Blair (7:12 PM), School Board Representative.

Not in attendance

Ms. Gorman

Administrators Present

Mr. Stokinger Business Administrator
Dr. Metzler Superintendent (as of 00:27:35)

Pledge of Allegiance (00:00:40)

Mr. Sapia, who was in audience, led the pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Geary motioned (00:01:40) and was seconded by Mr. Green to allow Ms. Gorman to attend the meeting by telephone. Vote: Three in favor, Mr. Green, Mr. Geary and Mr. Horns, four opposed Mrs. O'Neil, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Spero, and Mr. Grosky. No abstentions. The motion failed.

Approval of Minutes (00:02:28)

Mr. Heffernan motioned and was seconded by Mrs. O'Neil to approve the minutes of November 13, 2014. Discussion and corrections were agreed upon. The minutes were accepted by general consensus.

Correspondences (00:06:35)

Mr. Stokinger stated an email was received regarding the tax rates. He passed around the correspondence folder for all members to review.

Delegations and Individuals (00:08:34)

Administrative Report (00:08:55)

Mr. Stokinger reviewed the packet of information distributed. The first item reviewed was the Danville Principal Office supply account that was questioned a few weeks prior. The correct amount spent from that line is \$6,848.05. Some of these expenditures were accidentally charged to the General Elementary supply line. He also reviewed the District Elementary Curriculum, both Budgeted and spent since 2014 with details of expenditures. The third item reviewed was the incremental cost and revenue for the full day kindergarten. Mr. Green noted the Technology inventory has also been posted to the Budget Committee SharePoint site.

Reports of the Committee (00:25:53)

Mr. Blair reported the School Board is looking at funding the transformer upgrades from the current budget.

Unfinished Business: (00:26:58)

New Business: (00:27:25)

a. **2015-2016 Budget**

Mr. Stokinger presented Draft 1 of the 2015-2016 Budget in the amount of \$69,186,246 which is 2.75% higher than the current Budget of \$67,335,682. The major factors causing this increase were

outlined and discussed. Mr. Green reminded the Budget Committee of a vote taken at the April 10 meeting requesting the Administration submit a Budget of \$67,335,682. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the proposed Budget. Mr. Cantone stated some of the 2014 Expended lines are considerably smaller in some cases, than what is being requested for 2015-2016 Budget and he would like an explanation for such a large increase from the 2014 Expended. **Mr. Heffernan motioned and was seconded by Mrs. O'Neil to request the Administration come back with a lower Budget.** Discussion continued on for several minutes. **Mr. Grosky motioned to amend Mr. Heffernan's motion to instruct the administration to bring back on December 11, a proposed budget that does not exceed \$67,335,682.** The amendment was seconded by Mr. Cantone. Mr. Cantone reminded the committee that even if that target was met, the committee may still not accept that proposed budget. **Vote on the amendment: Six in favor, three opposed Mr. Blair, Mr. Geary and Mr. Heffernan.** The amendment passed. **Vote on the original motion as amended: Seven in favor, one opposed, Mr. Geary and one abstained, Mr. Blair.**

b. **District Staffing-Mr. Collins (01:34:13)**

Mr. Collins gave a brief PowerPoint presentation in rebuttal to Mr. Green's presentation a few weeks prior. Mr. Green and Mr. Collins and other committee members were given the opportunity to ask questions and debate.

Other Business: (02:17:28)

Future Agenda and Dates (02:22:00)

Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 7 pm at the SAU Office

Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the SAU Office

Motion: Mr. Horns motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Blair. Vote: Six in favor. The meeting ended at 9:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Smith
Approved 12/11/2014